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SUBJECT: WAVE OF BOMB THREATS

REF: A) BRASILIA 7592 (NOTAL) B) RIO DE JANEIRO 3161 (NOTAL)

C) BRASILIA 7387

1. RECENT BOMBINGS I RIO AND PORTO ALGERE (REFTTEL A) HAVE PROMPTED A WAVE OF BOMB THREATS AROUND THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING WARNINGS OR THREATS DIRECTED AGAINST THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN SALVADOR AND THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN RIO.

2. ON AUGUST 24, THE OFFICES OF DASP (FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE INSPECTORATE) IN BRASILIA RECEIVED A TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT. THE DASP BUILDING WAS EVACUATED, BUT A SEARCH OF THE PREMISES FAILED TO TURN UP ANY EXPLOSIVES.

3. ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 29, THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO RECEIVED A BOMB THREAT FROM A CALLER WHO COMMENTED THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT THE MARINE

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GUARD WO TOOK THE CALL WAS A MEMBER OF THE US

MILITARY. CALLER DID NOT EMBELLISH HIS THREAT WITH ANY DETAILS, AND THE NATURE OF THE CONVERSATION LEADS CONGEN OFFICIALS TO BELIEVE THAT CALLER WAS A CRANK. THE BRITISH CONSULATE IN TIO AND IBM'S OFFICES THERE ALSO RECEIVED BOMB THREATS THIS WEEK.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM ON AUGUST 29, AMCONSUL SALVADOR RECEIVED A N ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL THREATENING THAT THE CONSULATE WOULD BE BOMBED. THE CALLER CLAIMED TO BE REPRESENTING A REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, WHICH HE DID NOT NAME. POLICE WERE SUMMONED TO THE CONSULAR OFFICES, BUT A SEARCH THERE FAILED TO YIELD ANY BOMB. AMCONSUL SALVADOR HAS LEARNED THAT SEVERAL OTHER BOMB THREATS WERE MADE IN SALVADOR AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING ONE DIRECTED AGAINST THE MAYOR OF THE CITY. SUBSEQUENTLY, SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES IBM OFFICES IN SALVADOR; THREE WINDOWS WERE PIERCED BY BULLETS, BUT NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

5. IN ADDITION, THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF A BOMB THREAT AGAINST CONGONHAS AIRPORT IN SAO PAULO, AND AN AS YET UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF A BOMB THREAT WHICH RESULTED IN THE EVACUATION OF THE GEIPOINT (NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION) BUILDING IN BRASILIA ON SEPTEMBER 2.

6. IN MOST RECENT INCIDENT, A SMALL BOMB EXPLODED SEPTEMBER 4 IN SAO PAULO OFFICES OF CEBRAP, A BRAZILIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH FIRM. A SUBSEQUENT ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL CLAIMED THE BOMBING, WHICH CAUSED NO INJURIES AND ONLY LIGHT DAMAGE, WAS THE WORK OF THE RIGHTIST BRAZILIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE (AAB--SEE SEPTTEL).

7. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY MUST TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY, WE THINK THE MAJORITY OF THE THREATS LIKELY ARE OF CRANK ORIGIN, WITH WOULD-BE TROUBLE MAKERS INSPIRED BY THE TIO AND PORTO ALEGRE BOMBINGS TO USE THE TELEPHONE TO EXPLOIT THE PUBLIC JITTERINESS. LATEST BOMB INCIDENT IN SAO PAULO IS NOT LIKELY TO EASE THIS TREND. END COMMENT.

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